

*PERSONAL*AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
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COLONEL JOSEPH HYDE PRATT, *Engineers*,  
*Care of Chief of Engineers*,  
*Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR COLONEL:

Now that the American Expeditionary Forces are fast being returned to the United States and mustered out, it gives me great pleasure to express to you my appreciation of your loyal and energetic service in the Army in France.

Under your command the 105th Engineers participated in the successful assault of the 30th Division on the Hindenburg Line at Bellicourt, September 29, 1918, in the subsequent advance to the St. Souplet River, and in the final attack of the 30th and 27th Divisions to the heights overlooking the Sambre-Oise Canal. Your regiment performed, with conspicuous efficiency, the greater part of the forward engineer operations of the II Corps. In fearlessness under fire, in energy and firm decision, in your care for your men, and in the loyal execution of the decisions of your superiors, your conduct merits my high commendation.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING.